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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 December 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 5-6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Reasons for allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 5 and 6, the prior of record fail to teach, the repeaters of claim 4, securing the optimum communication state is selected base on information above reception condition of the antenna and bit error and echo signal of electronic wave between each repeater.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ronald (U.S. Patent No. 5,880,867).

Regarding claim 3, Ronald teaches a vehicle compartment radio LAN system (see fig. 11, col. 15, lines 31-40) comprising; the repeater mounted in front and above of a plurality of seat

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rows (see figs. 11 and 12, col. 14, lines 32-38, and lines 62-64, col. 15, lines 1-18, lines, col. 16, lines 60-64, and col. 17, lines 3-15), and terminal positioned in one of the plurality of seat rows and configured to communicated through the repeater in same seat row by radio (see fig. 12, col. 17, lines 5-10),

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ronald (U.S. Patent No. 5,880,867).

Regarding claim 4, Ronald teaches Ronald teaches a vehicle compartment radio LAN system (see fig. 11, col. 15, lines 31-40), comprising a plurality of repeaters mounted in above each of a plurality of seat rows (see fig. 12, col. 16, lines 60 – col. 17, lines 15), and terminal positioned in one of the plurality of seat rows and configured to communicated through the repeaters in same seat row by radio (see fig. 12, col. 17, lines 5-10), Ronald the repeaters mounted in above of a plurality of seat rows (see fig. 12), that is obvious to mounted in each of a plurality of seat rows.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify Ronald system by the teaching the repeater mounted above of the

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plurality of seat rows, thereto in order to provide user the located in the seat may couple a portable computer to the network via own transceiver.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Beierle (U.S. Patent No. 6,483,865) discloses wireless interface for electronic device located in enclosed spaces.

Miller (U.S. Pub. No. 20030009761) discloses mobile wireless local area network and related methods.

Gresham (U.S. Pub. No. 20020160773) discloses communications system for aircraft including wireless systems.

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tan Trinh whose telephone number is (703) 305-5622. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung, can be reached at (703) 308-7745.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the **Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office** whose telephone number is **(703) 306-0377**.

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